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TO THE LOWER BEAR RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM COMMITTEE

At the committee meeting and annual distribution system meeting held earlier this year, there was some discussion about the need to collect river flow and water use data on a real time basis in order to better operate the interstate computer model and better regulate the distribution of water from the Bear River.

The events of this past irrigation season have underlined the need for real time data and it appears there is increased interest in installing a system that would collect and transmit the necessary data. We believe this is an important issue that the committee should discuss as soon as possible so there will be adequate lead time if a decision is made to move ahead with the project before the next irrigation season.

Therefore, we would request that you attend a meeting of the Lower Bear River Distribution System Committee to be held:

**at 2:00 pm on Monday, November 8, 2004
in the Logan Regional Office Conference Room
Utah Division of Water Rights
1780 North Research Park Way, Suite 104
Logan, Utah**

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the locations where real time measurement data is needed; the type of measurement, recording and transmitting equipment needed at each location; possible funding options that might be available; who would be responsible to pay the water users portion of the installation costs; and any other issues related to the proposed project.

This is an important decision that needs discussion and input from the entire committee and we hope that you will be able to arrange your schedule to attend. If you cannot attend, please arrange for some to attend in your place who will represent your area of the distribution system.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact me by phone at (801)538-7380 or by e-mail at LeeSim@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

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